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Introduction

Finding financial assistance for post-secondary education and employment skill development takes a comprehensive search of many venues - few sources include all potential opportunities. Therefore, it is necessary to search a variety of media, from paper to electronic, to find available funding support.

This booklet is intended to guide Aboriginal people to the most comprehensive sources available from the federal and provincial governments, as well as from some private and non-profit organizations.

Before beginning your search for funding, it is important to know the different types of funding. Students may have access to loans, grants, scholarships and bursaries.

A **Loan** is a financial agreement that must be repaid with interest, within a defined period of time. In Alberta, there are two sources of student loans: the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta. Students may also access loans through private agreements with their banks.

A **Grant** is a financial award given in special circumstances on the basis of need. They do not have to be paid back.

Scholarships are monetary awards based on academic merit or excellence in a specific area of study or discipline. Government, post-secondary institutions, private industry and service organizations often offer scholarships.

Bursaries are grants made to students who are in need of financial assistance and who have maintained a satisfactory academic record. Evidence of need may be required.

Where to begin your search

Since there are new scholarships and bursaries being offered every year, by all orders of government, by the private and non-profit sectors, and by educational institutions themselves, all current and future students should follow up on funding leads as often as possible.

A good place to begin a search for funding is from the community that the potential student is a member of. Communities have organizations and businesses that provide support. Talk to school counsellors to find out how to best approach the community search.

The second place to look is within the academic institution that one is attending or wishing to attend. Most Scholarships are registered and administered through the specific academic institutions. For example, Aboriginal students at the University of Alberta receive a handbook that includes potential scholarships and bursaries that the students can apply for, many specific to the institution, while others are more general. Many industries/companies will promote their scholarships through the academic institution, but will also accept applications sent directly to them.

Many scholarships are limited by geography; that is, it will be open only to people who are members of a certain region. Others are open only to dependents of workers of a certain company, ancestors of a veteran, etc. Scholarships specific to a certain demographic of Canadian society may have information posted on general sites on the Internet.

Scholarships are also offered specific to field of study. To find out more information, contact companies and organizations that are related to your field of interest for opportunities not posted elsewhere. For example, many of the oil companies provide scholarships to students studying in a field related to the petroleum industry. These companies may have a section of their own website that highlights their funding programs.

Specific to short-term or job readiness and skills development training, the institutions providing the training will have access to funding opportunities for students. Further, there are funding opportunities under the Aboriginal Human Resource Development Agreements (AHRDA) for skills development, employment initiatives, and income support programs to Aboriginal communities. Alberta Human Resources and Employment also provides funding for skills development. For more information on any of their programs, contact the department directly.

The most comprehensive source of funding from the province of Alberta has been compiled by **Alberta Human Resources and Employment** and **Alberta Learning**. This information is general to all Albertans; however, some apply specifically to

Aboriginal people. This information can be accessed at the Alberta Learning Information Services Website www.alis.gov.ab.ca/scholarships. This site provides information on provincial loans, grants and scholarships as well as assistance with budgeting. If you do not have access to a computer, you may wish to contact Alberta Scholarship Programs at (780) 427-8640, or toll-free at 310-0000.

One of the most complete directories of Scholarships and Bursaries for Aboriginal people pursuing post-secondary education anywhere in Canada is the **Directory of Private Sector Funding for Aboriginal Students** originally published in 1997 by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). Listings include available scholarships and bursaries for Inuit, Métis, status and non-status First Nations students. The directory provides contact names and addresses for universities, businesses and participating organizations. This directory has been updated for 2001 and is available on their website http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ps/ys/sbaas_e.html. For those without access to a computer, contact INAC at (780) 495-3881 to receive a hard copy.

The **Métis Nation of Alberta Association (MNAA),** in cooperation with the Alberta Government, has developed **The Scholarship and Bursary Handbook for Métis Students.** The Handbook was compiled through a review of several existing scholarship lists, a review of scholarships listed on the Internet and through information provided by the MNAA. For more information, or to get a copy of the handbook, contact the MNAA at (780) 455-2200.

Further, the **Aboriginal Multi-Media Society of Alberta** has an excellent website that incorporates scholarships and bursaries from every sector. This site can be viewed at http://www.ammsa.com/ammsabursary.html. The list is updated every few months and includes over 300 scholarships and bursaries available to Aboriginal people. This list has scholarships specific to certain fields of study, certain geographical location and institutions, and many are northern First Nation, Treaty Indian or Métis specific opportunities.

Student Loans

Student loans are available to all Albertans through **Alberta Learning**. There are two sources of student loans: the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta. Loans are based on financial need. The Alberta government now uses the term financial assistance instead of loan.

For this academic year, full-time university students were eligible for a maximum of $11,000 per academic year from Canada Student Loan and Alberta Student Loan.

Three programs are available:

1. **Part-time Assistance** is available to individuals attending part-time studies. Eligibility for financial assistance is based upon financial need, circumstances requiring part-time training and approval of course(s) of study.
2. **Post-Secondary Financial Assistance** through student loans may be available to Albertans enrolled in career training programs. Eligibility for financial assistance is based on financial need and approved program of studies.
3. **Skills Development Program** through grant and supplementary loan assistance may be available in full-time apprenticeship, short-term skills training or academic upgrading programs. To be eligible for financial assistance, individuals must be unemployed, in financial need and enrolled in an approved program of studies.

All students must complete an application form and submit it to Alberta Learning for review and approval. The application package has all the background information needed to apply for a student loan. Application forms are available in paper and electronically at http://studentloans.gov.ab.ca/scripts/esla.dll. Paper application forms are also available from all post-secondary institutions and high schools in the province. Forms are also available at the nearest Career Development Centre or Canada-Alberta Service Centre.

Government of Alberta Funding Sources

The Government of Alberta is dedicated to helping support Albertans in their pursuit of improved education and job skills to enhance opportunities for employment in today's workforce. Funding opportunities have been created to make further education and training more accessible to all Albertans.

The most comprehensive source for funding from the province has been compiled by Alberta Human Resources and Employment and Learning. This information is general to all Albertans; however, some apply specifically to Aboriginal people. This information can be accessed at the Alberta Learning Information Services Website www.alis.gov.ab.ca/scholarships.

Following are a sampling of some of the Alberta government sources students may wish to review:

Alberta Opportunities Bursary

The **Alberta Opportunities Bursary**, a partnership among post-secondary institutions, the private sector, and government, will help financially needy adult Albertans to further their education. The Alberta Government contributes up to $15 million annually to match private contributions to the Alberta Opportunities Bursary, made through post-secondary institutions.

The intent of the program is to ease the burden of above-normal debt carried by some students while attending full-time studies.

The first Alberta Opportunities Bursaries were awarded to students in September 1998. The bursaries are non-repayable and based on a sliding scale, up to $3000, depending on the student's financial need. About 15,000 students throughout the province are expected to benefit from the bursary each year.

Alberta Opportunities Bursaries are targeted to students with the highest need. The Bursary program is designed to:

- Maintain affordable access to post-secondary education for qualified students with financial need;
- Minimize the amount of loan debt low-income students must carry while in school;
- Provide incentives for students who face higher living costs because they must move away from home to attend school.

Students will be automatically considered for an Alberta Opportunities Bursary when they apply for a student loan. If a student receives an Alberta Opportunities Bursary, the amount will be noted on the Notice of Assessment. This assessment is mailed to applicants after their student finance application has been processed. It lists the amounts of loan and grant assistance to be provided.

Social Services Bursary Program

The Alberta Human Resources and Employments Social Services Bursary Program was created to encourage and assist Métis and Non Status Indian students to pursue a career in the social services field by providing assistance through bursaries. The bursary may fund up to two years of a social work related program.

For inquiries and application forms, contact (780) 427-5949.

Alberta Heritage Scholarship

The **Alberta Heritage Scholarship** fund administers scholarships and bursaries co-sponsored by the Government of Alberta. The scholarship fund currently administers over 40 different scholarships. For complete information, view the website: www.alis.gov.ab.ca/scholarships or contact:

Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund
9th Floor, 9940 - 106 Street
Box 28000 Station Main
Edmonton AB T5J 4R4
Telephone: (780) 427-8640

The following are a few examples of awards that have been established through the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund Endowment Programs. These awards are all directed specifically to Aboriginal students.

- **Alberta Blue Cross Scholarships for Aboriginal Students**
  Two scholarships are awarded each year to Aboriginal students completing high school and planning on entering post-secondary studies in Alberta. Recipients are chosen based on academic achievement, financial need and community involvement. *Application deadline: June 1.*

- **Theodore R. Campbell Scholarship**
  One scholarship valued at $1,500 will be awarded to an Aboriginal student studying Education at Blue Quills First Nations College. Applicants must be Alberta residents and in their second year of the Blue Quills University Transfer program. *Nomination deadline: Contact the registrar's office at (780) 645-4455.*

- **Robert C. Carson Memorial Bursary**
  Five awards valued at $500 are available to Aboriginal Albertans enrolled full-time in their second year of the Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice Diploma or Faculty of Law programs at eligible institutions. *Nomination deadline: Students should contact the financial aid office of their institution.*

- **Aboriginal Health Careers Bursary**
  Up to $200,000 is available for Aboriginal students in Alberta enrolling in a health field. Applicants must be Indian, Inuit, or Métis and have been residents of Alberta for a minimum of three years prior to applying. Awards are valued at between $1,000 and $10,000. *Application deadline: May 15.*

- **Northern Alberta Development Council Bursaries**
  These bursaries are not specific to Aboriginal students; however, many Aboriginal students reside in northern Alberta. The Northern Alberta Development Council Bursary was created to increase the number of trained professionals in northern Alberta and to encourage students from northern Alberta to take a post-secondary education. This program awards approximately 115 bursaries of $3,000 each usually to students in their final 2 years of study. Recipients must live and work in northern Alberta for one year for each year of bursary support that they receive (up to two years). Students must be enrolled full-time.
  Contact NADC at:

  Northern Alberta Development Council
  2nd Floor, Provincial Building
  9621 - 96 Avenue Postal Bag 900-14
  Peace River AB T8S 1T4
  Phone: (780) 624-6545 or http://www3.gov.ab.ca/nadc

Bursary Partnerships Program

Each year, NADC, in partnership with the Metis Settlements Education & Training Incentive Scholarship Society, provides bursaries to Metis Settlements members to assist in the completion of their educational goals. Students must be registered full time at a post-secondary institution. Successful applicants are awarded a bursary in the amount of $3000 for the school year. $1500 is payable directly to the student from the Settlement and the remaining $1500 is payable directly to the student from Alberta Learning.

Contact your Metis Settlement Office:

Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement
PO Box 20
Caslan AB T0A 0R0
Phone: (780) 689-2170
Fax: (780) 689-2024

Elizabeth Metis Settlement
PO Box 420, Stn. Main
Cold Lake AB T9M 1P1
Phone: (780) 594-5026
Fax: (780) 594-5452

Gift Lake Metis Settlement
PO Box 60
Gift Lake AB T0G 1B0
Phone: (780) 767-3894
Fax: (780) 767-3888

Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement
PO Box 58
Paddle Prairie AB T0H 2W0
Phone: (780) 981-2227
Fax: (780) 781-3737

East Prairie Metis Settlement
PO Box 1289
High Prairie AB T0G 1E0
Phone: (780) 523-2594
Fax: (780) 523-2777

Fishing Lake Metis Settlement
General Delivery
Sputinow AB T0A 3G0
Phone: (780) 943-2202
Fax: (780) 943-2575

Kikino Metis Settlement
General Delivery
Kikino AB T0A 2B0
Phone: (780) 623-7868
Fax: (780) 623-7080

Peavine Metis Settlement
PO Box 238
High Prairie AB T0G 1E0
Phone: (780) 523-2557
Fax: (780) 523-5616

Northern Student Supplement

Some students are also eligible for the **Northern Student Supplement**. This is a non-repayable grant of $500 to $1500 that reduces the student loan amount by an equal amount. It is intended as an incentive for northern Alberta students with high financial need to enter post-secondary programs. It supplements the Alberta Opportunities Bursary. You may receive the Northern Student Supplement if:

- you are a northern Alberta resident;
- you have high financial need;
- you are in your first or second year of post-secondary training;

A person's eligibility is determined based on information in the Student Loan application and information about northern Alberta residency.

Alberta Community Development Awards and Scholarships

Alberta Community Development offers a variety of awards and scholarships, ranging from the arts to sports and human rights. The application criteria and deadlines vary with each award or scholarship so it is important to verify information with the program staff prior to making application. These awards can be viewed at www.cd.gov.ab.ca/funding_partnerships/awards_scholarships/index.asp. If you would like to speak to someone directly, for toll free calling outside the Edmonton area, call 310-0000, TTY service in Edmonton (780) 427-1597. Toll-free TTY service from elsewhere in Alberta is 1-800-232-7215.

The Department of **Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development** contributes specifically to the following two scholarships:

Delia Gray Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is offered to an Aboriginal Person in a recognized post-secondary institution located in Alberta. You must live in the province of Alberta, are involved, and are helping to preserve the Aboriginal culture in your community. This scholarship is specifically to encourage Aboriginal single parents, and children of single parent families, to further their education at the post-secondary level. Two $500.00 scholarships (one to a female and one to a male) are offered each year. Deadline: September 15.

Joey Gladue Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is to encourage Aboriginal students in Alberta to pursue studies at recognized High Schools. Two $500.00 scholarships (one to a female and one to a male) are offered each year. Students must show active role in their communities.
Deadline: September 15.

For more information about the Delia Gray or Joey Gladue scholarships, contact the Edmonton Métis Cultural Dance Society at (780) 451-1072 or fax at (780) 451-1137.
E-mail: emcds@telusplanet.net
Website: www.metisdance.com/events/festival/scholarship/scholarship.htm.

Career Development Centres or Canada-Alberta Services Centres

These centres can be reached in Alberta toll-free at 310-0000. They are excellent sources of information particularly with respect to employability skills training and unemployment training opportunities.

Athabasca
Family Employment Support Centre
Tel: (780) 675-2243 Fax: (780) 675-2655

Bonnyville
Career Development Centre
Tel: (780) 826-4175 Fax: (780) 826-1904

Calgary
Career Development Centre/
Canada-Alberta Service Centre
Tel: (403) 297-6344 Fax: (403) 297-6235

Camrose
Career Development Centre
Tel: (780) 679-1275 Fax: (780) 672-1440

Edmonton
Career Development Centre
Tel: (780) 427-3722 Fax: (780) 422-7075

Edmonton
Canada-Alberta Service Centre
Tel: (780) 438-8111 Fax: (780) 438-8123

Edson
Canada – Alberta Service Centre
Tel: (780) 723-8921 Fax: (780) 723-8923

Fort McMurray
Career Development Centre
Tel: (780) 743-7192 Fax: (780) 743-7492

Grande Prairie
Career Development Centre
Tel: (780) 538-5348 Fax: (780) 538-5237

Hinton
Career Development Centre
Tel: (780) 865-8293 Fax: (780) 865-8269

Lethbridge
Canada-Alberta Service Centre
Tel: (403) 381-5548 Fax: (403) 382-4553

Lloydminster
Career Development Centre
Tel: (780) 871-6445 Fax: (780) 871-6449

Medicine Hat
Career Development Centre
Tel: (403) 529-3683 Fax: (403) 529-1755

Peace River
Career Development Centre
Tel: (780) 624-6211 Fax: (780) 624-6476

Pincher Creek
Career Development Centre
Tel: (403) 627-1125 Fax: (403) 627-3375

Red Deer
Career Development Centre
Tel: (403) 340-5353 Fax: (403) 340-7086

Rocky Mountain House
Career Development Centre
Tel: (403) 845-8303 Fax: (403) 845-8344

Slave Lake
Career Development Centre
Tel: (780) 849-7290 Fax: (780) 849-7356

St. Paul
Canada – Alberta Service Centre
Tel: (780) 645-6473 Fax: (780) 645-4777

Vermilion
Career Development Centre
Tel: (780) 853-8150 Fax: (780) 850-8203

Government of Canada Funding Sources

The Government of Canada has a number of funding sources available for all Canadians. Following are a couple of examples of general funding sources. For more information about specific support for a field of study that you are or will be pursuing, it is recommended that you contact the departments that relate to your field of study to see if they have further funding support. Their website address is http://www.canada.gc.ca.

Canada Millennium Scholarship

The Government of Alberta is working with the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation to help Alberta's highest financial-need students access the scholarship and reduce their debt load. The program provides non-repayable assistance from $2,000 up to a maximum of $4,000 for qualifying students. Students must be enrolled full-time at a Canadian post-secondary institution attending their second or subsequent year of undergraduate study or any year of a professional program.

You do not need to apply for this scholarship separately. Eligibility for the Millennium Scholarships will be based on original applications to the Canada Student Loans Program for financial assistance and confirmation of academic progress by students' post-secondary institution. For more information, see http://www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/hrib/learnlit/millennium/cmsf128.shtml.

Canada Study Grants

Examples of study grants:

Canada Study Grants for Students with Dependants
The federal government has a grant program to assist high-need students with children or other dependants whose needs are not met through scholarship and student loans. This program began August 1, 1998. Grants of up to $3000 annually are available to full or part-time students.

Canada Study Grant for Female Doctoral Students
Grant funding is available for female doctoral students who have applied and qualified for Canada Student Loan assistance for the current academic year. Students must be enrolled in a full-time doctoral program at an approved institute in a field where the national participation of women is less than 35%. Up to $3000 is available per year for a maximum of three years.

Canada Study Grant for Students with Disabilities
Provides financial assistance in the form of a grant, to needy post-secondary students whose disabilities create barriers to education. Maximum assistance available for disability related costs are $5000.

For more information on any ***Canada Study Grants***, contact the awards office of the post-secondary institution you wish to attend or contact the nearest Career Development Centre or Canada-Alberta Service Centre. Check out www.alis.gov.ab.ca/cdc-casc/ for the nearest centre.

Post-Secondary Student Support Program and the University College Entrance Preparation Program

Specific to First Nation and Inuit students, the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) provides Post-Secondary Education support through the Post-Secondary Student Support Program and the University College Entrance Preparation Program to assist First Nation students with the cost of tuition fees, books and travel, and living allowances, when applicable. Students wishing to pursue post-secondary studies should contact their band office or the regional office of INAC.

Funds that Aboriginal Organizations Manage

Aboriginal Human Resources Development Agreements (AHRDA)

On April 1, 1999, responsibility for designing and delivering programs to support Aboriginal employment and training was taken over by Aboriginal organizations across Canada. Aboriginal employment and training now takes place within the framework of the Aboriginal Human Resource Development Strategy that dictates the delivery mandates. There are eleven AHRDA's in Alberta:

AHRDA Information	Type
Athabasca Tribal Council 9206 McCormick Drive Fort McMurray AB T9H 1C7 Phone: (780) 791-6538	**First Nations**
Bigstone Cree Nation P.O. Box 960 Wabasca AB T0G 0T0 Phone: (780) 891-3836	**First Nations**
Confederacy of Treaty 6 First Nations Suite 204, 10310 - 176 Street NW Edmonton AB T5S 1L3 Phone: (780) 944-0334	**First Nations**
Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council P.O. Box 120 Atikameg AB T0G 0C0 Phone: (780) 767-2116	**First Nations**
Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council P.O. Box 1740 High Prairie AB T0G 1E0 Phone: (780) 849-4943	**First Nations**
Metis Nation of Alberta Association Suite 100, 11738 Kingsway Avenue Edmonton, Alberta, T5G 0X5 Phone: (780) 455-2200 Toll Free 1 (800) 252-7553	**Metis**
Metis Settlements General Council 3rd Floor, 10525 - 170 Street Edmonton AB T5P 4W2 Phone: (780) 822-4096 Toll-free 1 (888) 213-4400	**Metis**
North Peace Tribal Council P.O. Box 1889 High Level AB T0H 1Z0 Phone: (780) 926-3446	**First Nations**

Oteenow Employment & Training Society Suite 202, 10470 - 176 Street Edmonton AB T5S 1L3 Phone: (780) 444-0911	**First Nations**
Treaty Seven Economic Development Corporation Suite 300, 6011 - 1A Street SW Calgary AB T2H 0G5 Phone: (403) 251-9242	**First Nations**
Western Cree Tribal Council P.O. Box 2129 Valleyview AB T0H 3N0 Phone: (780) 524-5978	**First Nations**

Band Education Authorities

For post-secondary sponsorship, First Nation's people are referred to the appropriate administering organization. Usually, they are affiliated with the First Nation. The Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) maintain a list of administering organizations in Alberta. This list follows this section.

There are funds available for:

1. **Post-Secondary Training:** (2 years or more) diploma programs.
2. **University College Entrance Program:** grade 12 courses to first year university entrance level.
3. **First Nations Human Resources Development:** funds are available for training in academic upgrading (to the grade nine equivalent), trades, one-year certification and short-term programs.

◆ Registered Non-Band Members

The main exception to First Nation sponsorship is for students affiliated with First Nations that do not administer the programs for individuals who gained Indian status because of the 1985 amendments to the *Indian Act* (Bill C-31). Quite a few First Nations do not look after this aspect, so INAC has a contract with Freehorse Family Wellness Society to deliver the service. They can be contacted at (780) 944-0172. Maskwachees Cultural College looks after Bill C-31's from Ermineskin and Louis Bull only. They can be contacted at (780) 585-3925.

For employment related programs (vocational, trades, upgrading, short courses), contact the Department of Human Resource Development Canada at (780) 495-6802 for their process.

- **First Nation's that administer the Post Secondary Education funds**

Name/Region	Phone	Fax
TREATY 6		
Yellowhead Tribal Council (Alexander, Alexis, Enoch, O'Chiese, Sunchild)	(780) 484-0303	(780) 481-7275
Freehorse Family Wellness Centre (Heart Lake and Bill C-31's)	(780) 944-0172	(780) 944-0176
Cold Lake First Nation	(780) 594-7253	(780) 594-4017
Ermineskin Band	(780) 585-4122	(780) 585-2181
Frog Lake First Nation	(780) 943-2411	(780) 943-2293
Goodfish First Nation	(780) 636-7000	(780) 636-7006
Kehewin Cree Nation	(780) 826-3333	(780) 826-2355
Louis Bull Band	(780) 423-2064	(780) 585-3799
Montana Band	(780) 429-4065	(780) 585-3264
Paul Band	(780) 892-4994	(780) 892-2211
Maskwachees Cultural College	(780) 585-3925	(780) 585-2080
Saddle Lake First Nation	(780) 726-4009	(780) 726-3788
Samson Cree Nation	(780) 585-2211	(780) 585-3857
Beaver Lake First Nation	(780) 623-4276	(780) 423-4523
TREATY 7		
Blood Tribe	(403) 737-2400	(403) 737-2101
Peigan Nation	(403) 965-3910	(403) 965-3713
Siksika Nation	(403) 734-3862	(403) 734-5110
Stoney Band (Chiniki, Bearspaw, Goodstoney)	(403) 881-3573	(403) 881-3909
Tsuu T'ina Nation	(403) 281-4455	(403) 251-9833
TREATY 8		
Athabasca Tribal Council (Athabasca Chipewyan, Chipewyan Prairie, Fort McKay, Fort McMurray, Mikisew Cree)	(780) 791-6538	(780) 791-0946
Bigstone Cree Nation	(780) 891-3825	(780) 891-3021
Bigstone (in Edmonton)	(780) 489-2209	(780) 487-6666
Dene Tha' First Nation	(780) 321-3775	(780) 321-3886
Little Red River Cree Nation	(780) 659-3760	(780) 659-3925
North Peace Tribal Council (Dene Tha', Little Red River Cree, Beaver First Nation)	(780) 926-3446	(780) 926-4075
Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council (Driftpile, Kapawe'No, Sawridge, Sucker Creek Cree Nation, Swan River)	(780) 849-4943	(780) 849-4975
Lubicon Lake Band	(780) 629-3753	(780) 629-3939
Tallcree Band	(780) 927-4111	(780) 927-4115
Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council (Loon River, Whitefish Lake, Woodland Cree)	(780) 767-2116	(780) 767-2447

National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (NAAF)

The **National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (NAAF)** is a nationally registered charitable organization created in 1985. NAAF's programs are made possible through the support of the federal government, corporate sponsors, charitable foundations and individual donations. Since the NAAF was established, it has awarded over $7.5 million to students across the country.

The NAAF has traditionally provided financial assistance to Aboriginal students to pursue educational opportunities in the arts and cultural industries. The NAAF will provide financial support to Aboriginal youth who are pursuing education and professional development to prepare for careers in the arts, health sciences, business and general sciences and other areas of study related to economic self-reliance and self-government

For further information on the following programs, view the NAAF website at www.naaf.ca or contact them at

Suite 33A, 70 Yorkville Avenue Toronto, Ontario M5R IB9
Toll free: 1-800-329-9780 Telephone: (416) 926-0775
Facsimile: (416) 926-7554
E-mail: naaf@istar.ca

Examples of grants/bursaries administered by the NAAF:

- **Aboriginal Internships in Museum Practices**

  The Provincial Museum of Alberta through the **Aboriginal Internships in Museum Practices**, offers internships to two Aboriginal university students each year. The Museum, Syncrude Canada, and the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation jointly sponsor these internships.

  This program is open to Aboriginal students of good academic standing who are enrolled in an accredited college or university and are pursuing careers in anthropology, conservation sciences, education, history, Native studies, or natural history. Academic potential, community involvement, and degree of fit between applicants' academic interests and museum staff expertise are the primary criteria used in assessing applicants; preference is given to students who are from Alberta or who are enrolled in a program of study at an Alberta educational institution. Interns spend 15 weeks during the summer working on a full-time basis at the Provincial Museum of Alberta. They work with Museum staff on a project designed to suit their academic interests.

- **The Aboriginal Health Careers Program**

  The NAAF was selected by Health Canada to administer its health careers scholarship and bursary program to assist people of Aboriginal ancestry who wish to pursue education opportunities leading to professional health careers.

  Potential candidates are those who have successfully completed at least one year at a federally recognized college or university in a professional health careers program, with a minimum 80% average and who are continuing their studies.

  Accredited health care professions that qualify are: medicine, nursing, hospital administration, pharmacology, radiology, nutrition, lab technology, clinical psychology and psychiatry.

- **Aboriginal Veterans Scholarship Trust**

  The Government of Canada has established the Aboriginal Veterans Scholarship Trust to acknowledge the contributions made by Aboriginal Veterans in the defence of Canada. A contribution of $1.15 million has been made to this trust.

  Under the management of the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation, interest from the trust will provide Aboriginal youth with the opportunity to pursue a university education in all areas related to economic development and self-government. The NAAF also intends to elicit both corporate and personal donations from across Canada to further build the trust.

Other Funding Source References

Colleges and Universities that Publish Awards Handbooks

The book titles are italicized.

Alberta College of Art and Design ***Financial Aid and Awards*** Alberta College of Art and Design 1407-14th Avenue NW Calgary AB T2N 4R3	Phone:(403) 284-7634 Toll Free: 1-800-251-8290 Website:www.acad.ab.ca/ Email: admissions@acad.ab.ca
Fairview College ***Awards Scholarships & Bursaries*** Fairview College Box 3000 Fairview AB T0H 1L0	Phone: (780) 835-6600 Toll Free 1-888-999-7882 Fax: (780) 835-6698 Email: ckramer@fairview.ab.ca Website:www.fairviewc.ab.ca/ **Awards Page Link:** http://www.fairviewc.ab.ca/stu_serv/financial1.htm
Grant MacEwan Community College ***Financial Aid & Awards*** Grant MacEwan Community College PO Box 1796 Edmonton AB T5J 2P2	Phone: (780) 497-5140 Toll Free 1-888-497-4622 Fax: (780) 497-5001 Website:www.gmcc.ab.ca/ **Awards Book downloadable in PDF format:** www.gmcc.ab.ca/Publications/FinancialAidPub.html Email: gmccinfo@admin.gmcc.ab.ca
Keyano College ***Student Awards Book*** Keyano College 8115 Franklin Avenue Fort McMurray AB T9H 2H7	Phone: (780) 791-4800 Toll Free: 1-800-251-1408 Fax: (780) 791-4952 Website: http://www.keyano.ca/ Email: registrar@keyano.ca
Northern Alberta Institute of Technology ***Student Awards Handbook*** Career Services Northern Alberta Institute of Technology 11762 – 106 Street Edmonton AB T5G 3H1	Phone: (780) 471-7400 Toll Free: 1-800-661-4077 Fax: (780) 471-8583 Website:www.nait.ab.ca **Awards Page:** http://www.nait.ab.ca/scholarships/default.asp Email: registrar@nait.ab.ca
Olds College ***Olds College Awards Book*** 4500 - 50 Street Olds AB T4H 1R6	Phone: (403) 556-8281 Toll Free: 1-800-661-6537 Fax: (403) 556-4711 Website:www.oldscollege.ab.ca/ **Awards:** http://www.oldscollege.ab.ca/students/FinancialAid.asp Email: info@admin.oldscollege.ab.ca
Southern Alberta Institute of Technology ***Financial Assistance and Awards*** Heritage Hall, Awards & Scholarships Southern Alberta Institute of Technology 1301 - 16 Avenue NW Calgary AB T2M 0L4	Phone: (403) 284-8110 Fax: (403) 284-7112 Website:www.sait.ab.ca Email: registrar@sait.ab.ca **Awards Page:** http://www.sait.ab.ca/academicsupport/customer/services/.
University of Alberta ***University of Alberta Awards*** Office of the Registrar and Student Awards 103 Administration Building University of Alberta Edmonton AB T6G 2M7	Phone: (780) 492-3133 Registrar Phone: (780) 492-3221 Awards Fax: (780) 492-4851 Website: www.ualberta.ca **Awards Page:**www.registrar.ualberta.ca/awards/ Email: registrar@ualberta.ca
University of Alberta Native Student Services ***Scholarships, Bursaries & Awards (Funding available to students of Aboriginal ancestry)*** Native Student Services 2-400 Students' Union Building University of Alberta Edmonton AB T6G 2J7	Phone: (780) 492-5677 Fax: (780) 492-1674 Website: http://www.ualberta.ca/~native/native_student_services.htm Email: lewis.cardinal@ualberta.ca

Colleges/Universities that list awards information in their calendars

Please note there may be charges associated with the following Calendars. Check with the institution for fees.

Athabasca University 1 University Drive Athabasca AB T9S 3A3	Phone: (780) 675-6100 Toll Free: (800) 788-9041 Fax: (780) 675-6174 Website: www.athabascau.ca E-mail: auinfo@admin.athabascau.ca
Augustana University - The Office of Admissions - Augustana University College 4901 - 46th Avenue Camrose AB T4V 2R3	Phone: (780) 679-1132 Toll Free: 1-800-661-8714 Fax: (780) 679-1129 Website: www.augustana.ab.ca/ Email: admissions@augustana.ab.ca
Canadian University College Box 430, 235 College Avenue College Heights AB T4L 2E5	Phone: (403) 782-3381 Toll Free: (800) 661-8129 Fax (403) 782-3170 E-mail: cucinfo@ccinet.ab.ca
Concordia University College of Alberta 7128 Ada Boulevard Edmonton AB T5B 4E4	Phone: (780) 479-8481 Fax: (780) 474-1933 Website: www.concordia.ab.ca E-mail: admits@concordia.edmonton.ab.ca
Grande Prairie Regional College 10726 - 106 Avenue Grande Prairie AB T8V 4C4	Phone: (780) 539-2911 Toll Free: (888) 539-4772 Fax: (780) 539-2888 Website: www.gprc.ab.ca E-mail: student_info@gprc.ab.ca
The Kings University College 9125 - 50 Street Edmonton AB T6B 2H3	Phone: (780) 465-3500 Toll Free:(800) 661-8582 Registry only Fax: (780) 465-3534 Website: www.kingsU.ab.ca/ E-mail: registrar@kingsu.ab.ca
Lakeland College Vermilion Campus Office of the Registrar 5707 - 47 Avenue West Vermilion AB T9X 1K5	Phone: (780) 853-8400 Toll Free: (800) 661-6490 Fax: (780) 853-2955 Website:www.lakelandc.ab.ca/ E-mail: admissions@lakelandc.ab.ca
Medicine Hat College 299 College Drive S.E. Medicine Hat AB T1A 3Y6	Phone: (403) 529-3811 Fax: (403) 504-3521 Website: www.mhc.ab.ca E-mail: info@acd.mhc.ab.ca
Mount Royal College - Financial Aid & Awards 4825 Richard Road S.W. Calgary AB T3E 6K6	Phone: (403) 240-6111 Switch Board Phone: (403) 204-6223 Awards Fax: (403) 240-6522 Website: www.mtroyal.ab.ca/ E-mail: admissions@mtroyal.ab.ca
Norquest College - Edmonton 10215 - 108 Street Edmonton AB T5J 1L6	Phone: (780) 427-2823 (Toll free 310-0000) Fax: (780) 427-4211 E-mail: info@norquest.ab.ca Website: www.norquest.ab.ca/index.htm
Northern Lakes College - Lesser Slave Lake Client Services Slave Lake Campus 1201 Main Street SE Slave Lake AB T0G 2A3	Phone: (780) 849-8611 (Toll Free 310-0000) Fax: (780) 849-2570 Website: www.northernlakescollege.ca E-mail: registrar@yourfuture.ab.ca
Portage College Box 417, 9531 - 94 Avenue Lac La Biche AB T0A 2C0	Phone: (780) 623-5580 Fax: (780) 623-5519 Website: http://www.portagec.ab.ca/ E-mail: info@portagec.ab.ca
Red Deer College Box 5005 Red Deer AB T4N 5H5	Phone: (403) 342-3300 Fax: (403) 357-3660 Website: www.rdc.ab.ca/ E-mail: registrar@admin.rdc.ab.ca
The University of Calgary Student Awards & Financial Aid MacKimmie Library Block 124 2500 University Drive NW Calgary AB T2N 1N4	Phone: (403) 220-5110 Switch Board Phone: (403) 220-6925 Awards Office Fax: (403) 282-2999 E-mail: ucawards@ucalgary.ca Website: www.ucalgary.ca/ **Awards page:** www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/What/Awards/
The University of Lethbridge 4401 University Drive Lethbridge AB T1K 3M4	Phone: (403) 320-5700 Fax: (403) 329-5159 **Awards page:** home.uleth.ca/reg-faa/ E-mail: inquiries@hg.uleth.ca

Organizations that provide funding information for Aboriginal students

These organizations/contacts provide information on awards, scholarships, grants and bursaries that are not restricted to any one particular institution. Please note that this is not a comprehensive list. Throughout this handbook other sources have been cited. For those without computer access, a contact phone number has been provided where applicable. It is recommended that you directly contact the organizations for more details on their funding program prior to applying.

- **Edmonton Community Foundation**: holds a number of scholarship, bursary and award funds to assist young people in upgrading or continuing their studies and training. The original gifts to these endowment funds are invested in perpetuity and a portion of the investment income is granted annually to qualified recipients. For more information, contact (780) 426-0015 or toll free: 1 (866) 626-0015. Website: www.ecfoundation.org E-mail: info@dollarsforlearners.com. One scholarship that is specific to Metis students is the **Belcourt Brosseau Metis Awards Scholarship**

  The directors of Canative Housing Corporation, Orval and Herb Belcourt and Georges Brosseau, QC, established the Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards Fund in 2001 at the Edmonton Community Foundation. The Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards Fund is one of a number of endowed scholarship/award funds established at the Edmonton Community Foundation by individuals or organizations wanting to assist deserving individuals to further their education and training needs. The focus of the awards is to assist individuals with the cost of tuition, mandatory school fees and books. School related expenses (i.e. daycare, transportation to and from school, relocation costs) will only be considered under unique circumstances when other sources of potential funding have been explored but denied. The awards are not based on academic skill per se but rather on a desire to learn and to improve one's life. People have different learning styles, interests and life experiences and therefore the Awards fund many different types of programs of study and training offered at qualified post-secondary schools in Alberta. The 2003 applications are due on **May 16, 2003**. Applications can be downloaded from our website at www.DollarsForLearners.com or call toll free 1 (866) 626-0015 for a copy to be mailed to you.

- **Alberta Learning Information Service**: Human Resources and Employment in partnership with Alberta Learning: www.alis.gov.ab.ca/scholarships or contact Alberta Scholarship Programs at (780) 427-8640, or toll-free at 310-0000.

- **Aboriginal Multi-Media Society:** Aboriginal Scholarship/Bursary Guide: www.ammsa.com/ammsabursary.html or contact ammsa at (780) 455-2945.

- **Human Resources Development Canada:** Student Loans: http://www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/student_loans/c/index_e.html or contact HRDC at (1-800-622-6232).

- **Edge Interactive Publishing:** scholarship web page: www.scholarshipscanada.com/ or contact Scholarshipscanada.com at (416) 494-3343.

- **Aboriginal Urban Youth Summer Outreach Program:** - scholarship page: http://www.auysop.com/ or contact the Government of Canada's toll-free youth information line at 1-800-935-5555.

- **Millennium Scholarships Foundation**: www.millenniumscholarships.ca/ or contact the Foundation at (877) 786-3999.

- **Alberta Craft Council** student awards page: http://www.albertacraft.ab.ca/pages/info/grants/index.htm or contact the Council at (780) 488-6611 (Toll Free in Alberta: 1-800-362-7238).

- The **National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation Award**: www.naaf.ca/cnaf.html or contact the Foundation at (416) 926-0775 or toll free at 1-800-329-9780.

- **Studentawards.com**: www.studentawards.com or contact 866-729-2737 (toll free).

- **Amoco Canada**: Re: studies relating to petroleum industry. Phone: (403) 233-1959 or check out the website at http://www.bpfutures.com/.

- **Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada:** Jean Goodwill Scholarship for students pursuing studies in Nursing to secure employment in the North. Phone: (613) 230-1834 or check out the website at http://www.anac.on.ca/web/scholarships.htm.

- **Alberta Energy Company Ltd.:** Re: studies relating to the oil and gas industry. Phone: (403) 266-8212 or check out the website at http://www.aec.ca/community/aboriginal.shtml.

- **Alliance Pipeline Ltd.:** Re: studies relating to the oil and gas industry. Phone: 1-800-717-9017 or check out the website at www.alliance-pipeline.com. Look under Corporate profile, Public Affairs, then Aboriginal Relations.

- **AL-PAC:** You must be an Aboriginal person residing in the Alberta Pacific Forest Management area for at least one year and pursuing a degree (no specifics on the type of degree). For more information, phone: 1 (800) 661-5210.

- **Canadian Press:** Gil Purcell Memorial Journalism Scholarship for students studying journalism. Phone: (780) 428-6107.

- **Bank of Montreal:** Paid Apprentice Program for Aboriginal Students while attending school. Phone: 1-800-567-3356 or check out the website at http://www.bmo.com/community/.

- **Canadian Aboriginal Science and Technology Society (CASTS):** Re: studies relating to health related fields, natural resources, math and science secondary education, engineering and the sciences. Phone: (403) 258-1775 or check out the website at www.casts.ca.

- **Canadian National:** Re: studies relating to the transportation industry. Phone: 1-888-888-5909 or check out the website at http://www.cn.ca/careers/scholarship/en_Scholar_index.shtml.

- **Esso Imperial Oil:** Re: studies relating to the petroleum industry. Phone: (403) 252-6933 or check out the website at www.imperialoil.ca/campus.

- **Global Television Network, Canwest:** Re: studies relating to Broadcasting. Phone: (416) 446-5311 or, 1-800-387-8001 (toll free).

- **Husky Oil:** Re: studies relating to the oil and gas industry. Phone: (403) 298-6111 or check out the website at www.husky-oil.com.

- **KPMG:** For students enrolled in Business or Accounting programs. Phone: (780) 429-7300 or check out the website at www.kpmg.com.

- **Native Women's Association of Canada:** Corbierre-Lavelle/Two-Axe Early Awards for Aboriginal women who demonstrate a commitment to improving the political, economic, and cultural welfare of Aboriginal women. Phone: (613) 722-3033.

- **Petro Canada:** Re: studies relating to the oil and gas industry. Phone: (403) 235-4274 or check out the website at http://www.petro-canada.com/eng/about/communityinvestment/education/4733.htm.

- **Royal Bank:** Re: studies relating to the Banking Industry. Phone: (403) 292-3707 or check out the website at http://www.royalbank.ca/aboriginal/stud_prog.html.

- **Syncrude Canada:** Aboriginal Science and Technology Award. Check out the website at www.syncrude.ca or phone (780) 790-6270. Look under search, then careers.

- **Canada Post:** available to children of employees of Canada Post and entering first year studies with an academic average of at least 78%. These scholarships have a $2,000 value. The Aboriginal Academic Achievement Award will also be given out. This provides $2,000 to one student annually to cover the costs associated with education other than tuition. For more information, contact Ms. Patty McGuire at (780) 944-3166 or patricia.mcguire@canadapost.ca.

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